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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6352

BILL NUMBER: HB 1060

DATE PREPARED: Nov 19, 1998

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Canceled school day waiver.

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FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL
DEDICATED
FEDERAL**

IMPACT: Local

Summary of Legislation: This bill requires the Department of Education to grant a waiver for a number of school days canceled by a school superintendent for inclement weather or extraordinary circumstances. It provides a formula to determine the number of days eligible for mandatory waiver that is based on the number of actual instructional minutes provided to students and maintains the equivalent in hours of the 180 student instructional days required by law. (This mandatory waiver is in addition to a waiver that the Department of Education currently has the option to grant.)

Effective Date: Upon passage.

Explanation of State Expenditures:

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: School corporations would be able to save the costs of transporting students on regular routes and not employ some hourly personnel who might need to be in the school when the students are present. The average daily cost for all school corporations to transport students on regular route miles is \$1.4 million.

During the 1995-96 school year, 982 days of school were lost due to snow emergencies in 115 school corporations. Of these lost days, the Department of Education required the school corporations to make up 667 days but waived 315 of the days.

During the 1996-97 and 1997-98, no canceled days were waived by the Department of Education.

The formula that is proposed by this bill would allow the school corporations to have a series of days that could be used to for waiving the canceled days due to inclement weather or extraordinary circumstances.

Each additional minute beyond the 5 or 6 hour day for the required 180 days would result in an additional 3 hours of “bank time” for the school.

Based on the data available from 183 school corporations, the following table illustrates the range in eligible days that would be available to school corporations based on the formula proposed by this bill.

<u>Number of eligible days exceeding 180</u>	<u># of school corporations</u>
less than 5	4
between 5 and 10	27
between 10 and 15	37
between 15 and 20	48
between 20 and 25	34
between 25 and 30	23
between 30 and 35	6
greater than 35	<u>4</u>
total number of school corporations	<u>183</u>

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Department of Education.

Local Agencies Affected: School Corporations.

Information Sources: Department of Education Data Bases.